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*To the Honorable the General Assembly :*

GENTLEMEN :—The Eighteenth Annual Report upon the Registration of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Rhode Island, is herewith presented.

This report has been prepared by Dr. Edward T. Caswell, and presents the vital statistics for the year ending December 31st, 1870, with the usual recapitulatory tables, and with additional comments.

The number of births for the year was 5,215, or 30 less than in 1869; the number of marriages 2,362, or 73 more than in 1869; and the number of deaths 3,238, or 144 less than in 1869.

During the eighteen years and six months since the commencement of the present system of registration, i. e., from June 1, 1852, to December 31, 1870, the records in the whole State have been as follows: children born, 74,605; persons married, 83,158; persons died, 48,292, showing in the aggregate, a record of the birth, marriage, or death of 196,055 persons.

The returns of Divorces are again embraced in this report. During the year there were 237 suits for divorce disposed of by the Supreme Court. This is an increase of 52 over the number reported in 1869,

and must, I think, awaken some questioning as to whether our present laws are sufficiently stringent.

The returns were on the whole more complete than in previous years, and in many of the towns great improvement was manifest in this respect. There are still some towns in Providence county, however, from which the returns are not what they should be.

JOHN R. BARTLETT,

*Secretary of State.*



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